IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3679
Dorney, et al.	Confirmation No.: 7664
Serial No.: 10/598,602) Examiner: Michael P. Ferguson
Filed: June 8, 2007)
Atty. File No.: 1037RPL-2) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
Entitled: "Clamping Assemblies") Electronically Submitted

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of November 10, 2009. Although no fees are believed due for this submission, the Examiner is authorized to charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and Applicant's Arguments and Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.